

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB



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**Happy
Thanksgiving
To all**

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A Word From The Prez by John, K6AM



A big thanks to Jim, K6ZH and Joan, N6KIM for opening their home for the SDDXC Christmas party. If you've never been there, they have a cool collection of 20th century memorabilia including jukeboxes, a slot machine and a gas pump. For those with another party scheduled on December 6th ours will be better.

I just flew in from the coast and boy is my butt tired. The west coast of Africa, that is. Our trip to C5 was quite an adventure complete with interesting sights, risky travel arrangements, scary diseases, and equipment disasters. Our team adapted and overcame it all to end up with the world high claimed score for the CQWW SSB 2003. This would be the first time in decades of trying that this group has won. We took lots of pictures and will tell the whole story at a meeting early next year. Thanks to all of you who worked us.

The folks at the Hindquarter are in the process of remodeling again and our room may get lost in the process. Be thinking about a good, centrally located place with good food, and a private room. We also may decide to just meet at members' homes full time if enough of you are willing to do that.

For now, its off again to my annual sojourn to ZF for the CQWW CW. Keep an ear out for us and work us and spot us on all bands.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2003

Balance as of Sep 30, 2003: \$2,247.53
Income:
Regular Dues: 120.00
Dinner Receipts: 18.00
TOTAL: 138.00
Expenses: NONE
Balance as of Oct 31, 2003: \$2,385.53
Petty Cash On Hand: 20.00
Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$2,405.53

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2003

The San Diego DX Club held it's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at the Hindquarter Restaurant. There were only 12 !!!! members and guests present.

The restaurant owner talked to us before the meeting started about his plans for the future of the Hindquarter Restaurant. He stated that planning had not been finalized and that whether groups like ours would be accommodated in the future had not yet been determined. He asked us to check back in late December when he believed that plans for remodeling and activity scheduling would be clarified. That leaves SDDXC twisting in the wind until that time.

VP Jim, K6ZH, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. It was one of our better DX Roundtable discussions with K6OX talking about his upcoming trip to Peter I Island, K6QK's tower work, Gayle, K6GO's trip to Thailand, and a number of interesting presentations by the membership assembled.

As our President, John, K6AM, was off to The Gam-

bia, C5, for the CQ WW Contest, there was no Top Ten Award presentation.

Our VP Jim announced that the Holiday Party location was still tentative but that he and his wife Joan would probably host the party at his house on December 6, 2003. A firm date and location will be announced in the SDDXC November Newsletter.

Bob Grimmick, K6OX, was voted in as an Associate Member.

PROGRAM

VP Jim, K6ZH, presented the evening's program. It was a "debrief" of the club's recent ARRL Field Day performance wherein SDDXC scored FIRST in the 2A Category! Using charts and graphs Jim kept the group's interest as he explained how the "numbers" accrued in SSB, CW and bonus points which put us ahead of other 2A stations and even ahead of numerous others running in higher categories.

Collecting for dinner was Erich, W6LKK. Thanks Erich.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO

Secretary/Treasurer

DUES DUES DUES DUES

They are due. That's why they call them DUES. Hey! Give your Treasurer a break, get out your checkbook, make out a check for \$10.00 to SDDXC and send it to Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. And while you are at it, think about going for multiple years.

UO-14 Now Declared Dead!!

The UO-14 satellite has been declared officially dead after nearly 14 years in orbit, the Mission Control Centre at the Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) Center for Satellite Engineering Research reported November 11.

AMSAT-UK Chairman Martin Sweeting, G3YJO, said one of the NiCad battery cells became exhausted, which caused UO-14's transmitter to shut down due to under voltage. The popular and heavily used FM satellite quit working in August. Ground controller Chris Jackson, G7UPN, was able to reset the satellite at one time, but he later determined that UO-14 had suffered a primary power system failure.

Launched in 1990, UoSAT-OSCAR-14 pioneered the PACSAT communication concept as the first 9.6 kbps Amateur Radio data communications satellite. It became best known in recent years as an FM "easy sat" repeater. UO-14 completed over 72,000 orbits.

The loss of UO-14 leaves amateurs with SO-41 and SO-50 as the only two LEO FM voice satellites now in operation, although the planned 2004 launches of the OSCAR-ECHO and VUSAT could help fill in the void. ECHO is planned for launch next March 31.

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM

CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

11/03	11/02	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	W6YA	334	371	371	+1
2.	1.	W6KUT	334	339	339	-
3.	5.	N6CW	333	361	361	+1
4.	3.	N6XJ	333	341	341	-
5.	4.	K6TQ	333	339	339	-
6.	6.	W6EUF	332	349	353	+1
7.	7.	K6AM	331	337	338	-
8.	11.	N7CW	324	324	324	+3
9.	8.	N6AW	323	334	335	-
10.	9.	W6YOO	321	325	325	+2
11/02	11/01	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
11.	10.	K6ZH	319	326	327	+1
12.	13.	W6TUR	315	318	318	+7
13.	12.	K0YW	315	316	318	-
14.	14.	K6KT	306	333	338	-
15.	15.	W6BS	298	310	312	-
16.	16.	N6ND	290	299	343	+4
17.	17.	K7JJ	271	276	276	-
18.	18.	WN6K	251	296	302	+23
19.	19.	AA6JZ	219	222	?	-
20.	-	NG6Z	202	204	235	NEW

We've expanded the CW top 10 to include the top 20 players. A few upsets this year as players rally for position in this very tight race where one QSL makes the difference. Most who reported held their spot or moved up, so it pays to get those scores in.

There is still plenty of room here for most club members to get several new ones on CW. In many cases all that is needed is the QSL. These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

It's PARTY TIME!!!!

Jim Price, K6ZH, the current DX Club VP, and his wife Joan, N6KIM, will host the 2003 San Diego DX Club Christmas Party at their home in San Diego on the evening of Saturday, December 6. The party will start at 6 p.m.

Copious amounts of food and beverage will be available. In addition there will be a gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 value and stand by for some fun.

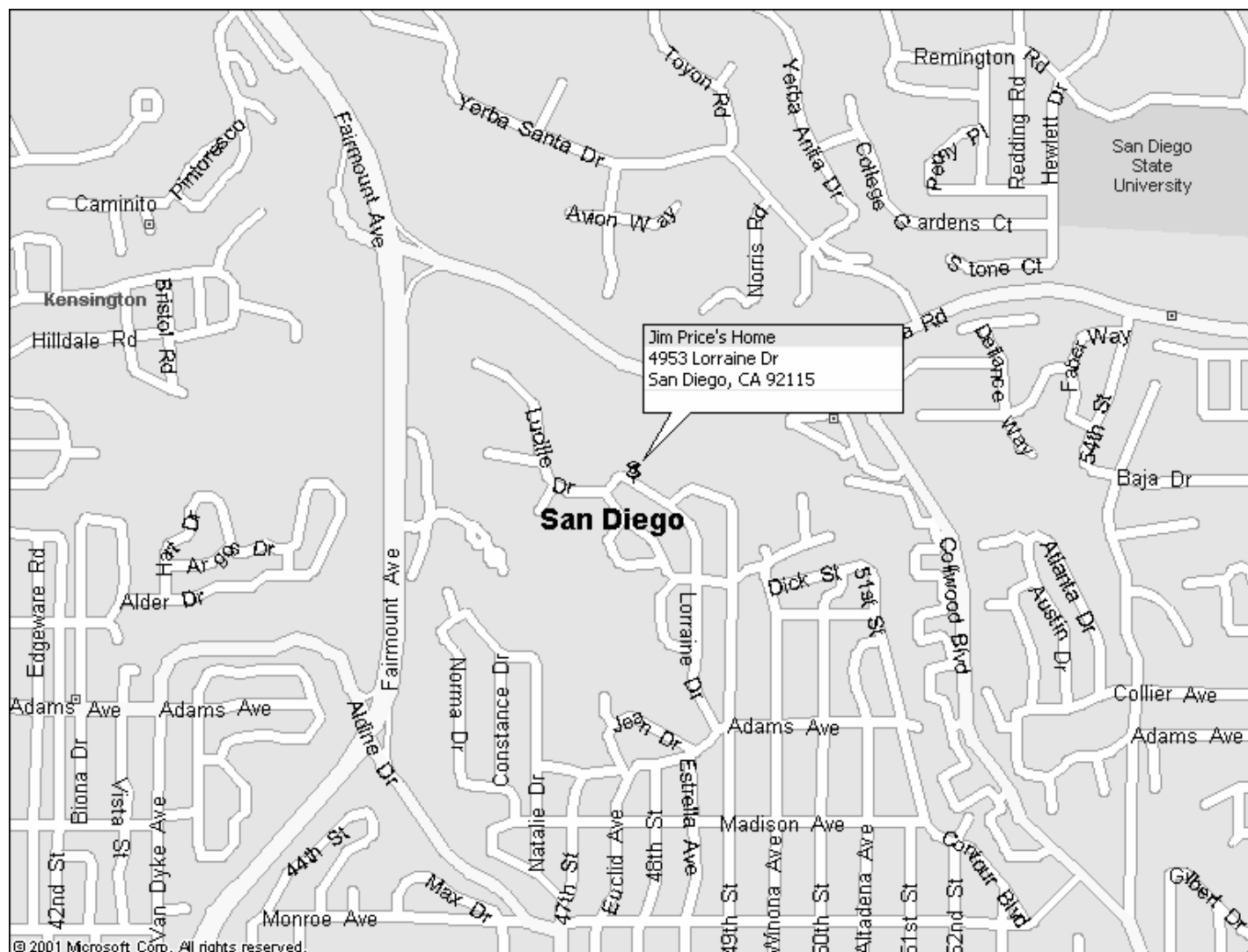
Important: RSVP to Jim no later than Monday, Dec. 1, and tell him how many will be in your party.

E-mail: jnprice@pacbell.net; phone 619-286-3255

And now, how to get there: Address - 4953 Lorraine Dr, San Diego, CA 92115

Directions: Interstate 8 to Fairmount South, Fairmount to 2nd exit – Aldine Drive, to stop sign Left at stop sign, up the hill to next stop sign at Euclid

Left on Euclid, follow wide street to traffic circle Take the 4th “spoke” off the traffic circle (Lorraine Drive) 3 long blocks on the right to 4953.



Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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